

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF UTAH**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION OF NEWFIELD PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN ORDER MODIFYING THE BOARD'S ORDER ENTERED IN CAUSE NO. 139-90 TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING, ON A PILOT BASIS, OF UP TO EIGHT (8) WELLS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL, GAS AND HYDROCARBONS FROM THE LOWER GREEN RIVER-WASATCH FORMATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHED DRILLING UNITS COMPRISED OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, USM, AND SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, USM, RESPECTIVELY, DUCHESNE COUNTY, UTAH.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Docket No. 2013-027  
Cause No. 139-109

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Board"), State of Utah, will conduct a hearing on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013, at 9:00 AM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The hearing will be conducted as a formal administrative adjudication in accordance with the rules of the Board as set forth in Utah Administrative Code R641 et seq. and as provided for in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 et seq. and Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-101 through 601.

The purpose of the hearing will be for the Board to receive testimony and evidence regarding a Request for Agency Action that the Board enter an Order:

1. Modifying the Board's Order entered on May 9, 2012 in Cause No. 139-90 to authorize, on a pilot basis, the drilling and production of up to eight (8) wells upon the established drilling units comprised of Section 17, T3S, R2W, USM, and Section 23, T3S, R3W, USM, respectively, for the production of oil, gas and hydrocarbons from the Lower Green River-Wasatch formations defined as:

the interval from the top of the Lower Green River formation (TGR3 marker) to the base of the Green River-Wasatch formations (top of Cretaceous), which base is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the Dual Induction Log depths of 16,720 feet in the Shell-Ute 1-18B5 well located in the S½NE¼ of Section 18, Township 2 South, Range 5 West, U.S.M., and 16,970 feet in the Shell-Brotherson 1-11B4 well located in the S½NE¼ of Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 4 West, U.S.M.,

provided, however, that within a reasonable time after analysis of the pilot program results but, in no event no more than two years after entry of the Order, Newfield report back to the Board on the results of the program;

2. Providing no productive interval of any well so authorized as outlined in Paragraph 1 above may be located closer than 660 feet to a drilling unit boundary or to another well producing within the same drilling unit from the Subject Formations without an exception location approval obtained in accordance with Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-3;
3. Expressly declaring Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-11(1.1) is inapplicable to any directionally drilled well within the said drilling units as long as the productive intervals are within the set backs as outlined in Paragraph 2 above, and with the caveat that, if an uphole completion closer than the set back is subsequently proposed, an exception location approval in accordance with Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-3 (or subsequently enacted equivalent regulation) will be required; and
4. Providing for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

Objections to the Request for Agency Action must be filed with the Secretary of the Board at the address listed below no later than October 9, 2013. A party must file a timely written objection or other response in order to participate as a party at the Board hearing.


Natural persons may appear and represent themselves before the Board. All other representation by parties before the Board will be by attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Utah, or attorneys licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction which meet the rules of the Utah State Bar for practicing law before the Utah Courts.

Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant to the procedural rules of the Board. The Request for Agency Action, and any subsequent pleadings, may be inspected at the office of the undersigned.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable them to participate in this hearing should call Julie Ann Carter at (801) 538-5277, at least three working days prior to the hearing date.

DATED this 26th day of September, 2013.

STATE OF UTAH  
BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
Ruland J. Gill, Jr., Chairman

  
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